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SUBJ: NIELSEN VISIT TO THE US

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1. SUMMARY: LO'S PRESIDENT NIELSEN HOPES FOR A SHORT PRIVATE MEETING WITH AFL-CIO PRESIDENT MEANY. HE WILL BE "TERRIBLY DISAPPOINTED" IF THIS NOT POSSIBLE. POSSIBLE DISCUSSION TOPICS FOLLOW. END SUMMARY.

2. KJELD AEKJAER, LO INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY WHO WILL ACCOMPANY THOMAS NIELSEN ON HIS TRIP TO THE US TO ATTEND TO AFL-CIO EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING IN FEBRUARY, CALLED ON LABOR ATTACHE JANUARY 23 TO ASK THAT THOMAS NIELSEN'S REQUEST FOR A SHORT PRIVATE MEETING WITH PRESIDENT MEANY BE CONVEYED TO MEANY. AEKJAER SAID THAT NIELSEN WOULD BE "TERRIBLY DISAPPOINTED" IF THIS WERE NOT POSSIBLE.

3. AEKJAER THOUGHT THAT SUBJECTS WHICH MIGHT BE DISCUSSED COULD BE:

A) ILO - A SUBJECT ON WHICH HE THOUGHT NIELSEN AND MEANY WOULD BE IN AGREEMENT;

B) AFL-CIO-ICFTU RELATIONS - ANOTHER SUBJECT ON WHICH THERE WOULD BE LITTLE TO SAY;

C) ORIT - NIELSEN WOULD EARNESTLY SEEK AN UNDERSTANDING ON THIS POINT;

D) OECD' TRADE UNION ADVISORY COMMITTEE -

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AEKJAER DID NOT THINK THIS WOULD BE A CONTROVERSIAL SUBJECT;

E) EUROPE AND PARTICULARLY THE SITUATION IN PORTUGAL AND SPAIN - ON THIS SUBJECT THERE MIGHT BE BROAD LINES OF AGREEMENT AND IMPORTANT DISCUSSIONS ON WHAT COULD BE DONE ON THE TRADE UNION FRONTS.

4. COMMENT: LABOR ATTACHE TOLD AEKJAER THAT AFL-CIO'S INVOLVEMENT IN LATIN AMERICA PRECEDED FORMATION OF ORIT AND ITS AFFILIATION TO ICFTU AND THAT STRONG AFL-CIO INTEREST IN LATIN AMERICA HAD TO BE RECOGNIZED. ANY APPROACH WHICH TENDED TO OVERLOOK OR SLIGHT THIS STRONG INTEREST WOULD CAUSE RESENTMENT. AEKJAER AGREED THAT ONLY BASIS FOR DISCUSSION OF LATIN AMERICA WOULD BE WITH HOPE OF ESTABLISHING MUTUAL CONFIDENCE AND UNDERSTANDING, BUT HE HAD "HANG UP" WITH ICFTU CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTION. TO THE COMMENT THAT ANY SUGGESTION OF "OBSERVER ROLE" FOR AFL-CIO IN A LATIN AMERICAN REGIONAL ORGANIZATION WOULD TAKE NIELSEN ON A COLLISION COURSE WITH US LABOR MOVEMENT, AEKJAER PROTESTED THAT NIELSEN DID NOT SEEK CONTROVERSY, WAS REALLY MOST FRIENDLY TO US AND AFL-CIO AND HAD NO INTENTION OF PROVOKING DISAGREEMENT. HE SUGGESTED THAT LABOR ATTACHE AND NIELSEN MEET FOR DISCUSSION OF LATIN AMERICA BEFORE NIELSEN'S FEBRUARY 15 DEPARTURE. (ANY INFORMATION ON RECENT LATIN AMERICAN DEVELOPMENTS WHICH COULD BE USED IN THIS CONVERSATION WILL BE APPRECIATED.).  
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